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Dear Senate Energy and Technology Committee members:

On behalf of the American Arab Chamber of Commerce, I am submitting this letter of support for Vice Chairman John Proos's Senate Bill 438.

Energy issues affect every community, every home and every business, and energy issues have recently come to the forefront of policy discussions here in Michigan and around the US. There are significant environmental regulations being set by the EPA's Clean Power Plan to reduce carbon emissions by 30 percent by 2030. The Clean Power Plan will drive cleaner energy generation in Michigan and create good paying job opportunities for Michiganders.

While this next generation of investment in energy technology presents opportunities for members of the American Arab Chamber and our community, it does raise some concern on what the impact will be on energy bills. This is why I support a flexible approach going forward, as proposed in Senate Bill 438.

We also support the proposed changes to rooftop solar regulations. This proposal increases the cap on rooftop solar generation, allowing ten times more Michiganders to participate in this evolving technology. This type of expansion creates potential opportunity for members of my chamber to grow innovative new business lines. At the same time, rooftop solar customers depend on the same power sources we do when the sun isn't shining, and they depend on the same infrastructure we do to have that power delivered to their homes whenever they need it. It is only fair that everyone shares the cost of the electric grid. Getting rooftop solar policy right helps my members to receive reliable and affordable electricity so that the small businesses, entrepreneurs and innovators I represent can focus on growing their businesses and creating a stronger, more prosperous Michigan for everyone.

Thank you again for this opportunity to support this legislation. My organization looks forward to continuing to follow this critical discussion on Michigan's energy future.

Sincerely,

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